

joyful as one could desire, the church being again crowded.

Easter Monday elections: W. S. Morphy, vestry clerk; W. S. Morphy, W. G. Jessop, wardens; sidesmen, Geo. Crawford, E. J. Bannister, A. E. Mullin, W. B. McCulla, Robt. Hall, I. G. Shepherd, Jno. Preston, H. E. Roberts; auditors, W. W. Nation and Jno. Clark; organist, Miss Bannister; delegates to synod, Judge Scott, Thomas Morphy and William Corbett.

The finances of the church, as given by the people's warden, were satisfactory, so much so that the incumbent's salary was raised \$100 and the organist's \$50. After a most harmonious meeting, an adjournment for two weeks was carried.

COBourg.—*St. Peter's.*—The Good Friday service was very largely attended. Easter Day, at the eight o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion, upwards of a hundred persons communicated. The mid-day and evening services were very largely attended, our rector being ably assisted by the Rev. Wm. Farncombe of Newcastle; the singing was good and the anthems well rendered by the choir, which by the instruction of Prof. E. Leigh, has improved greatly in the past year. The children's service in the afternoon was also well attended, and at which service there were four christenings. Our Lenten services were well attended.

PETERBOROUGH.—*The Church of England.*—It may be of interest and encouragement to our fellow Churchmen to hear of a few special efforts which have been put forth in the Church's behalf in one of Ontario's largest towns, and of the abundant blessing which has rested upon these efforts. Peterborough, though still a town, has already the population required for a city, and is rapidly advancing in size and importance. It is one of the old crown rectories, and the Church property, in a central position, is one of the finest in the town. There are few more commanding situations to be found than that occupied by St. John's church, with its expanse of green sward stretching down from the quiet hill to the busy street. The church was restored and grounds laid out at a cost of some \$18,000 under the late Rev. T. W. R. Beck, who held the rectory for thirty years.

The central principle of the present administration of the parish is the employment of a staff of clergy supported in all departments by the active co-operation of lay workers. The present clerical staff consists of three, viz., the rector, the Rev. C. B. Kendrick, M.A., and W. M. Loucks, M.A., an honour graduate of Trinity, who is about to be ordained for work in Peterborough. Besides this the clergy are ably assisted by several members of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, who act as lay-readers in the church services at cottage meetings, &c.

Our first special effort during the past season was a ten-days' mission in Advent conducted by Rev. F. H. DuVernet. This was a time of refreshing to many individual souls. The month of January saw the completion and opening of a handsome mission building with chancel, hall, bright airy basement, &c., in the south end of the town. This part of Peterborough is inhabited chiefly by the working classes, among whom there has been little religious work in the past except that begun under Mr. Beck's direction by a band of energetic ladies, which has culminated in the attractive building and bright congregational services now to be found. The building was opened by the Bishop of Toronto free of debt, and is already a centre of wide Sunday school and mission work. Mr. Loucks has the immediate charge of this under the rector's supervision.

During the season of Lent the 3rd annual course of weekly lectures was delivered in St. John's by Rev. Canon DuMoulin, Dr. Mockridge, W. E. Cooper, Dr. Sweeny and other well-known men, all of which were greatly enjoyed. On Good Friday St. John's was crowded with earnest worshippers both in the morning and at the children's service in the afternoon. In the evening the mission building was packed, when the Rev. R. T. Moore gave an impressive address.

The bright sunlight of Easter morning strained through St. John's windows upon the largest assemblage of communicants ever met there. This was a happy introduction of a series of most glad services. The church was thronged all day, the aisles being entirely seated in the evening. Attention was largely concentrated on the offertory, an appeal having been made for \$1,050, to be presented during the day. At the morning services alone this was more than accomplished, \$1,880 being laid on the offertory plates. At the afternoon service the children brought up their self-denial offerings to their Father's house. These amounted to \$110, and being almost entirely in copper, were with difficulty presented at the Lord's Table. The evening's offertory swelled the total amount to \$1,700.62, and so great was the interest taken that a majority of the congregation remained in the church for an hour wait-

ing for the final result to be announced. The "Old Hundredth" was then sung with great fervor.

At the Easter vestry meeting the Warden's Report showed that the large expenses of the year had been met, besides paying out standing accounts for the past of \$670.32 and reducing the mortgage debt by \$1,800. The aggregate receipts for the past three years were shown to have been—1889, \$2,852.03, 1890, \$4,252.83; 1891, \$5,892.04. The remarkable statement for the past year was largely owing to the financial skill and persevering hard work of Mr. G. A. Smith, the only retiring warden. Few men have rendered more valuable service to the Church in any parish. He was enthusiastically re-elected as people's warden, the rector appointing Mr. H. Rush. By a standing vote the vestry recorded their sorrow at the removal by death during the year of Mr. Wm. English, who had served two terms as people's warden and had been a lifelong supporter of the Church of England.

These items of Church work in Peterborough and some of the external results of it, are noted without (we believe) any idea of glorifying our parish, or our work. They are set down as a proof of what will naturally take place in any large parish where, instead of one struggling clergyman, there is a staff of men each actively engaged in his own department of parochial work, ready to take advantage of any openings for Church extension which may present themselves from time to time. And whenever a congregation see this clerical enterprise and aggressive activity they will be found to quickly respond to the call for lay help, and by their money and personal influence rally round and support their leaders.

NIAGARA.

NORVAL.—The services in St. Paul's church on Easter Day were especially attractive and hearty, and notwithstanding the muddy roads they were well attended. The church was very tastefully decorated with flowers, and the singing under the leadership of Mr. W. F. Webb was well rendered. Though still without a resident clergyman, the church is prospering most satisfactorily under the able management of students supplied by Trinity College, Toronto. The annual vestry meeting held in the church on Easter Monday was very successful, the books showing a handsome balance. Mr. Henry Lowndes and Mr. Henry Pettigrew were appointed Churchwardens; Messrs. J. Mitchell, J. Maxted, G. Day, F. McAndrew and R. Glendinning, sidesmen, and Mr. Wm. Thompson was elected lay delegate to the Synod.

FORT ERIE.—A handsome polished brass alms-basin—the gift of Miss Pearl Rosa—was used for the first time in St. Paul's church on Easter Sunday. The Altar Guild also presented, for the use of the same church, an altar-desk, white book-markers, and costly white silk stole, chastely embroidered. The floral decorations added much to the beauty of the chancel and sanctuary. Much credit is due to the organist and choir for their aid towards making the services of the day so bright and hearty.

MOUNT FOREST.—Our Easter Day services were well attended and a large number communicated. The whole Easter offertory amounted to \$152.08. Of this \$80 was offered by "The Girl's Friendly" for General Fund. For the Church Debt Fund \$25 by Mr. Agur, of Toronto, at one time an active lay-helper in the parish, and the rest by the congregation for various purposes. The morning and evening services during Holy Week were well attended.

HAMILTON.—*Church of the Ascension.*—Wardens, Henry McLaren, George J. Williams (a motion granting \$150 to the people's warden for assistance was carried); delegate, Archdale Wilson.

Christ Church Cathedral.—Wardens, Dr. Gavillier and George H. Bull; delegate, J. J. Mason.

St. Thomas.—Wardens, R. Fuller and R. R. Morgan; delegate, W. Bell.

All Saints.—Wardens, Robert Leslie and T. E. Leather.

St. Mark's.—Wardens, J. H. Shouldice and J. Baille; delegate, T. D. Halker.

St. Luke's.—Wardens, J. Jackson and R. Greenlee.

St. Matthew's.—Wardens, T. Irwin and J. Burton; delegates, J. H. Land, E. Cuttress, W. H. Hunt.

St. John's.—Mr. Newman, F. B. Mosure; delegates, Messrs. Newman, Jose, and Brown.

St. Peter's.—Wardens, W. G. Buchanan and J. W. Piercy; delegates, E. Hall and W. G. Buchanan.

HURON.

BRANTFORD.—*Grace Church.*—The resurrection of the Saviour of the world was commemorated in this old parish in a most fitting manner. The day's

services commenced with a celebration at 8 a.m., at which a large number communicated, Rev. R. L. Macfarlane celebrant. The liberal offertory was given for the poor.

The church was filled at 11 o'clock by a devout congregation. Rev. Rural Dean Mackenzie conducted the service, which was of a most bright and cheerful character, the choir rendering the hymns and special psalms with precision and taste. The Rural Dean preached a forcible and eloquent sermon on Col. iii. 1, and also administered the Holy Communion to a great many communicants. A bright service was held for the members of the Sunday-school at 3 o'clock, at which the rector was assisted by Mr. Hedley, of Trinity College. Evensong, at 7 o'clock, was said by Rural Dean Mackenzie, at which there was present a vast congregation. A special feature was the singing of the Easter carols by the boys of the choir, assisted by the larger girls of the Sunday-school. The solos by Masters Chapman and Hayden were much appreciated.

In addition to these services the two chapels of St. James and St. Paul rejoiced in a worthy observance of the holy festival. At the former, Matins and the Holy Communion were held at 11 o'clock, Rev. R. L. Macfarlane officiating. The musical parts of the services were well rendered by a full choir, which, for the first time, sang the special psalms. Mr. Hedley delivered an earnest and appreciative sermon.

At St. Paul's evensong was held at 3.30. The service was bright and hearty, the singing being led by Mrs. Briggs, organist, and the Misses Dye, all loyal workers. Thus the parish of Grace Church fairly excelled herself in commemorating the triumph of the Resurrection, there being no less than six services within her borders. The parish church and the chapels were decorated with flowers and plants. The offertories from all sources amounted to \$253, of which \$201 goes into the Diocesan Mission Fund, in response to an appeal from the zealous rector, whose earnestness on behalf of missions is well known.

The *Brant Churchman* is the name of the new parish magazine published by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The first number is a credit to the promoters.

Grace Church Vestry.—The proceedings of the vestry of this church (Rev. Rural Dean Mackenzie, rector,) were of a most unanimous character, and the report of the wardens was all that could be desired. The revenue for the past year, from all sources, had amounted to nearly \$5,500, several hundred dollars in excess of previous incomes, and the expenditure had been kept within the receipts. Messrs. F. T. Wilkes and Jno. Bishop were re-appointed wardens. The stipend of the Rev. R. L. Macfarlane, assistant rector, was increased, with many expressions of respect and goodwill, from \$800 to \$900. Resolutions looking to the completion of the original design of the church edifice by the erection of a tower (with a peal of bells in the not distant future), and the sale of the rectory with the view of building a new one on the church lot, were also passed. At the subsequent congregational meeting Mr. A. H. Dymond, Dr. Griffin, and Mr. Geo. Caudwell were re-elected delegates to synod.

OIL SPRINGS.—The vestry meeting took place here on Monday evening last, there being a fair attendance, the Rev. Mr. Goldberg in the chair. The financial report of the church showed that for the building fund of the church \$887.01 was raised, that a balance of \$21 is outstanding, that a new roof is needed and also a fence. The money raised for parochial purposes amounts to \$231.73, including collections. Special collections amount to \$18.71, making a total of \$1,088.35. It is strongly felt by this mission, which includes Oil City and Inwood, that a parsonage is needed, but at present it is out of the question. Time will, however, solve the problem.

PETROLIA.—The Easter services in Christ Church were numerous attended. The church was beautifully decorated and the services were bright and appropriate. The Easter offerings amounted to \$165.00. The annual vestry meeting was held on Monday evening, and the basement of the church was well filled. The ladies turned out in large numbers and evinced a lively interest in the reports and discussions of the vestry. The rector, Rev. R. McCosh, presided. The report presented by the wardens, R. Morris, Esq. and R. C. Noble, Esq., was a wonderfully encouraging one. The receipts for the year were \$5,803.00, nearly \$1,000.00 in excess of the former year. The report showed a marked increase in every department of church work. The wardens were deservedly praised for their zeal and faithfulness and were re-elected. Charles Jenkins, Esq., and John C. Noble, Esq., were elected lay delegates to the Synod. Mr. McCosh is meeting